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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman and Ranking Member,

I am requesting \$3,943,971 in funding for the Midway Septic to Sewer Project in fiscal year 2023 through the Economic Development Initiative account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Midway located at 50 Martin Luther King Blvd, Midway, Florida 32343.

The funding would be used to convert a large section of residential development from Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS), conventionally known as septic systems, to a centralized sewer collection and treatment system. The City currently has an agreement with Talquin Electric Cooperative to collect and treat wastewater from the commercial corridor within the City. This project will be the City's first step in connecting large residential subdivisions to the existing system. The total number of septic systems connecting to the central sewer system will be approximately 128 homes. This project will not only serve these identified homes but will be built to accept flows from future phased expansions of the system. The project will consist of approximately 6,000 linear feet of 8" gravity sewer, a master lift station, and 3,700 linear feet of 6" force main. The project is located within the Upper Wakulla River and Wakulla Spring Basin Management Action Plan area. Wakulla Springs is one of Florida's most noteworthy and iconic Floridan Aquifer springs. Among the largest and deepest freshwater springs in the world. The Spring and River comprise a rich and diverse ecosystem, integrated as part of the St. Marks River watershed and Apalachee Bay. Wakulla Springs is also among Florida's important recreational and tourist destinations and the focus of a major state park, which receives approximately 200,000 visitors annually. The project will continue to reduce nutrients leaching into the groundwater in the Wakulla Springs Contribution Area.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress